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ZG2023/1252/DOC Discharge of condition 16 (Conservation Management Plan) of approval 2020/0414/LBC Listed building consent for conversion of single dwelling house to form 11 apartments including limited internal alterations, Moreby Hall, Moreby, Stillingfleet

Thank you for reconsulting The Gardens Trust (GT) in its role as Statutory Consultee with regard to any proposed development affecting a site included by Historic England (HE) on their Register of Parks & Gardens. In this case Moreby Hall at Grade II. The Yorkshire Gardens Trust (YGT) is a member organisation of the GT and works in partnership with it in respect of the protection and conservation of registered sites and is authorised by the GT to respond on GT's behalf in respect of such consultations.

My apologies for the lateness of this response due to illness.

This response follows our letter of 15th October 2023 in which we gave advice regarding the Discharge of Condition 16 (Conservation Management Plan) included in the application, **ZG2023/0982/DOC.**

As we have noted we very much support the implementation of the Conservation Management Plan (CMP). Moreby Hall's gardens and designed landscape are a significant component of the historic assemblage of this heritage site and there is good documentation readily available to assist in repair and sympathetic management including sources that we cited in our previous letter.

The CMP Cover Sheet which is the subject of this planning application is a schedule of works to be undertaken and should be helpful for a maintenance contractor and/or for residents to follow and implement. We think that the Management Group may need expert advice on the restoration and maintenance of the box parterre and for the restoration of the icehouse. There are historic parks and gardens in our region where this has been very successful, and we advise the Management Group to investigate this.

The Yorkshire Gardens Trust is an educational charity with expertise in historic parks and gardens, but as it is run by volunteers and covers the whole of Yorkshire, its ability to be involved with particular projects is somewhat limited. However, if we can be of assistance then we can be contacted via our website.

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Yours sincerely,

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